

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
McCoy, et al.

SERIAL NO. 09/832,303

FILED: 11/20/00

TITLE: IMPROVED METHOD FOR CUSTOM IMPRINTING PLASTIC IDENTIFIER TAGS

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Dear Sir:

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In response to the Office Action dated 05/02/03, please consider the following amendments and remarks made in a good faith attempt to move prosecution of this application forward to a proper allowance of claims.

Please note that any and all fees associated with this response, including any applicable extension fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, and any fees for newly present claims, may be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned, **Account No. 50-0894**. Applicant here requests such extensions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 as may be necessary to render this response timely.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. An improved process for imprinting plastic identification tags with durable indicia comprising the steps of:

selecting a plastic tag blank;